GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MINIMISING LEAKAGE OF REVENUE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the measures taken to minimise leakage of revenue on account of ticketless travelling, touts menace, unbooked luggage, booked freight showing less weight etc. there still exist ample scope for improvement in minimising leakage of revenue;

(b) if so, the number of surprise checks made by the officers of the rank of DRM and above in this regard during the last one year till date and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen the vigil by the Railways on leakage of revenue to Railways by associating public men in the programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): The Railways are taking continuous steps for technological upgradation as well as intensive physical checkings to stop leakage of revenue. Physical checks are carried out involving a large number of Commercial, Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel as well as personnel from other departments like Vigilance. The presence of force is essential in most of the ticket checking drives as a support. Test checks on weight of the luggage booked as well as unbooked luggage are also carried out during these raids. Regular train checking is also done by ticket checking staff manning the train. In these checks, senior officers of the Railways including the Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) and above participate.However, statistics of the number of checks in which DRMs and above participate are not maintained.

(c): Immediate action is taken on information received about leakage of Railway revenue from citizens.